

The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows:

1. A navigation system for a vehicle comprising:
 - a vehicle-based telematics system;
 - a vehicle-based global positioning system operable to determine a geographic position of the vehicle; and

5 a control, said telematics system being operable to receive a user input from a driver of the vehicle and download directional information from an external service provider to said control in response to said user input and an initial geographic position of the vehicle, said directional information comprising at least two instructions with each of said at least two instructions being coded or associated with or linked to a respective geographic location, said 10 control being operable to provide an output corresponding to each of said at least two instructions in response to a current actual geographic position of the vehicle determined by said vehicle-based global positioning system, said control being operable to provide each instruction only when the then current actual geographic position of the vehicle at least generally corresponds to the particular geographic location associated with said each 15 instruction.

2. The navigation system of claim 1, wherein said control is operable to tag or code each of the instructions with a respective geographic location and is operable to only provide a particular one of the instructions when the respective geographic location tagged or coded to the particular instruction at least generally corresponds to the then current actual geographic 5 position of the vehicle.

3. The navigation system of claim 1, wherein each of said at least two downloaded instructions is tagged or coded with or linked to a respective particular geographic location, said control being operable to only display a particular instruction when the respective geographic location tagged or coded or linked to the particular instruction at least generally 5 corresponds to the then current actual geographic position of the vehicle.

4. The navigation system of claim 1, wherein said user input comprises a vocal input from the driver or occupant of the vehicle to a service center associated with said vehicle-based telematics system.
5. The navigation system of claim 1, wherein said initial geographic position of the vehicle is communicated to the service center via said vehicle-based global positioning system.
6. The navigation system of claim 1, wherein said at least two instructions are provided by said control as an audible message.
7. The navigation system of claim 1, wherein said at least two instructions are provided by said control as a visible display.
8. The navigation system of claim 7, wherein said visible display is provided at an interior rearview mirror assembly of the vehicle.
9. The navigation system of claim 7, wherein said visible display comprises at least one of a display on demand display element, a thin film transistor liquid crystal display element, a multi-pixel display element and a multi-icon display element.
10. The navigation system of claim 1 including a seat adjustment system, said seat adjustment system being operable to adjust a seat of the vehicle in response to data received via at least one of said vehicle-based telematics system and said vehicle-based global positioning system.
11. The navigation system of claim 10, wherein said seat adjustment system is operable in response to biometric data pertaining to the occupant of the seat of the vehicle.
12. A method for providing navigational directions to a driver of a vehicle comprising:
accessing a remote source via a vehicle-based wireless communication system;
providing an initial geographic position of the vehicle via a vehicle-based global positioning system;

- 5 downloading local information from the remote source to a control of the vehicle via
the wireless communication system in response to a user input and said initial geographic
position of the vehicle, said local information comprising at least two driving instructions,
each of the at least two driving instructions being associated with or linked to a respective
particular geographic location;
- 10 providing a current geographic position of the vehicle to said control via said vehicle-
based global positioning system; and
- 15 providing each of said at least two driving instructions to the driver only when the
then current geographic position of the vehicle at least generally matches the particular
geographic location associated with or linked to the respective one of said at least two driving
instructions.
13. The method of claim 12 including associating or tagging or coding or linking each of
the instructions with a respective particular geographic location.
14. The method of claim 12, wherein providing each of said at least two driving
instructions comprises visibly displaying each of said at least two driving instructions at a
display of the vehicle.
15. The method of claim 14, wherein visibly displaying each of said at least two driving
instructions comprises visibly displaying each of said at least two driving instructions at a
display at an interior rearview mirror assembly of the vehicle.
16. The method of claim 14, wherein visibly displaying each of said at least two driving
instructions comprises visibly displaying each of said at least two driving instructions via at
least one of a display on demand display element, a thin film transistor liquid crystal display
element, a multi-pixel display element and a multi-icon display element.
17. The method of claim 12, wherein providing each of said at least two driving
instructions comprises audibly communicating each of said at least two driving instructions
via at least one speaker of the vehicle.
18. The method of claim 12 including:

providing data to a seat adjustment system of the vehicle via at least one of said vehicle-based wireless communication system and said vehicle-based global positioning system; and

5 adjusting a seat of the vehicle in response to said data.

19. The method of claim 18 including providing biometric data pertaining to an occupant of the seat to said seat adjustment system and adjusting the seat in response to said biometric data.

20. A navigation system for a vehicle comprising:

 a vehicle-based telematics system;

 a vehicle-based global positioning system operable to determine a geographic position of the vehicle; and

5 a control, said telematics system being operable to receive a user input from a driver of the vehicle and to download directional information to said control of the vehicle in response to said user input and an initial geographic position of the vehicle, said directional information comprising at least two instructions, said control being operable to tag or code or link each of the at least two instructions with a respective geographic location, said control 10 being operable to provide an output corresponding to a particular one of the at least two instructions only when the geographic location tagged or coded or linked to the particular instruction at least generally corresponds to the current actual geographic position of the vehicle determined by said vehicle-based global positioning system.

21. The navigation system of claim 20, wherein said output comprises an audible message.

22. The navigation system of claim 20, wherein said output comprises a visible display.

23. The navigation system of claim 22, wherein said visible display comprises a portion of an interior rearview mirror assembly of the vehicle.

24. The navigation system of claim 22, wherein said visible display comprises at least one of a display on demand display element, a thin film transistor liquid crystal display element, a multi-pixel display element and a multi-icon display element.

25. The navigation system of claim 20, wherein said user input comprises a vocal input from the driver or occupant of the vehicle to a service center associated with said vehicle-based telematics system.
26. The navigation system of claim 20, wherein said initial geographic position of the vehicle is communicated to the service center via said vehicle-based global positioning system.
27. The navigation system of claim 20 including a seat adjustment system, said seat adjustment system being operable to adjust a seat of the vehicle in response to data received via at least one of said vehicle-based telematics system and said vehicle-based global positioning system.
28. The navigation system of claim 27, wherein said seat adjustment system is operable in response to biometric data pertaining to the occupant of the seat of the vehicle.